

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 and 41-44, which were withdrawn from consideration, have been cancelled to expedite the allowance of this application. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional patent application with regard to the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

Claim 30 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The allowance of Claims 38-40 and the indicated allowability of the subject matter of Claim 36 are noted with appreciation.

In order further to expedite the allowance of this application, but without acceding to the rejection, independent Claim 28 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 36 (and intervening Claim 35). Claims 35 and 36 have accordingly been cancelled. Claim 28 and dependent Claims 29-34 and 37 should now be allowed.

Minor corrections have been made in Claims 28, 38, and 40.

This application is believed to be clearly in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10191) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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